

## HE HAS TWO WIVES

J. E. Dennis Tries to Be a Mormon on the Quiet

## BUT HIS GAME IS QUEERED

His Two Wives Are Both Mothers and Reside Within a Stone's Throw of Each Other.

"Mrs. E. Dennis, dressmaker," adorns a small modest sign board at No. 186 East Bridge street. Mrs. J. E. Dennis, residing at No. 204 East Bridge street, not more than four blocks from Mrs. Dennis, the dressmaker, sustains unusual relations to the latter inasmuch as she occupies the position of wife to the dressmaker's husband. Though both women are now aware of the facts and are nearly provoked with grief and shame, they refuse to have Dennis prosecuted, owing to their dislike of the notoriety it will bring them and for the sake of their children—the children of J. E. Dennis. Mrs. Dennis, the dressmaker, is wife No. 1. She was married to Dennis ten or twelve years ago in Jackson and they lived together as man and wife until a baby boy was born to them. Then Mrs. Dennis suspected her wife, gave her but a scanty living and finally deserted her entirely and left her to care for herself and child. She faced the world bravely and by dint of hard work and privations succeeded in making a living for herself and boy. She and her husband drifted apart so completely that no tidings from one ever reached the other. Mrs. Dennis came to this city and opened a dressmaking shop and was comparatively happy. Her boy, now a lad 10 years old, had papers on the streets after school hours and aided somewhat in their support.

**Married Another.**  
Mrs. Dennis shifted from place to place and finally gained the affections of another woman, and without informing her that he had a wife married her. He did not know that his first wife was here, and so after several years with wife No. 2 he moved to the city and began housekeeping on East Bridge street a short distance from wife No. 1. By the second marriage there is another child now about 4 years old.

How long the parties might have lived on the same street without either knowing of the presence of the other would never be known. Had it not been for an accidental question asked by one factory hand of another they might have lived so for years. One of these factory hands asked the other where he boarded. He replied that he boarded with Mrs. J. E. Dennis on East Bridge street. The other looked surprised. "Why, that's where I board," said he. It was true. One was boarding with wife No. 1 and the other with Mr. Dennis and wife No. 2. The story soon spread and Dennis, becoming alarmed, shipped the country for fear that complaint would be made against him.

Mrs. Dennis No. 2 was seen and asked if she would make complaint and have Dennis arrested. She refused to talk and would not admit the truth of the story.

Mrs. Dennis No. 1 was seen last night in her room on East Bridge street. She was suffering from sick headache and was very nervous and appeared careworn. In reply to the first question put to her she replied: "It's nothing to me if he has forty wives. We parted a long time ago." Mrs. Dennis refused to give any particulars. She said she realized the duty she owed to society and that she ought to have Dennis prosecuted, but for her boy's sake she did not wish to do it. Another reason was a fear that her business as dressmaker would be injured if the story were known, as it would be, if taken into court. Mrs. Dennis refused to give the facts in detail and desired that nothing be said about the matter.

It is said by those who know something about the case that the two wives have held a conference this week and are deliberating on what is best to be done by them.

**City News in Brief.**  
Fred S. Wileman and Mrs. Elida R. Mallory were united in marriage at the residence of the bride, No. 138 Bridge avenue, last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Jackson performing the service. Etta Kahler and Joe Schupp acted as bridesmaid and groom.

The contract will be awarded at Architect Nash's office today for the construction of a new residence for Frank Russell, on the corner of State and Lafayette streets. The house will be one of the prettiest residences in that locality.

The Y. M. C. A. is making elaborate preparations for its first reception of the season next Tuesday night. All members, their wives and lady friends are invited. A musical and literary entertainment will be given in the auditorium.

The State Bank of Michigan, which has the largest capital of any savings bank in the state outside of Detroit, would be pleased to receive your deposits if you anticipate making a change in your bank account.

Minnie Dencker and Marnie Ryan of Muskegon, who were connected to the city as witnesses before the grand jury, were arrested yesterday afternoon on Springfield street and put in jail for being intoxicated.

Sheriff Lamoreaux returned from Chicago yesterday where he went to identify a prisoner suspected to be Brimmon, the Mill Creek burglar, who escaped from jail. The sheriff says the man is not Brimmon.

Our clothing gamine for fine merchant tailoring. You'll see plenty of it on the street. See our new double-breasted suit suits for fall and winter. Gardiner & Baxter.

The first meeting of the fall session of the Young Men's congress will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building this evening at 7:45. All members and those interested are requested to be present.

pairs and will not make any more trips this season.  
For light artillery will give a masked ball in Hibernia hall on Ottawa street Thursday, October 13.  
Born—Yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson of No. 120 North Union street a 9 pound girl.  
The Country club has renewed the lease of the Park lake property for five years.  
Have you seen Miss Wilcox? Notice in want column.  
Daisy Lodge of Elks has resumed its weekly sessions.

**Personal Mention.**  
C. W. Lange, A. D. Hanna, S. W. Shaw, C. P. Lambert, W. E. Granger, Miss Alexander, L. E. Hansen, L. H. Thowbridge and David Uhl were among those who went to Chicago last night.  
Johnathan Shear and daughter Lillie of Tiondara, New York, who have been visiting Deputy County Clerk Shear and other relatives of this city, have returned home.

Jay Chapman of Albany, New York, is the guest of his brother, J. E. Rice, of the Bridge street house. He is on his return from the world's fair.

Ex-Alderman and Mrs. Hayes, who spent the summer at Mackinac Island with their son, James R. Hayes of the Grand, have returned home.

R. Vintner and A. den Braber will leave for New York today. They will sail for Rotterdam on the steamer Spangdam.

J. B. S. of No. 171 "Island street, has returned from his old home in New York, where he has visited during the summer.

Mrs. P. H. Hartnett of No. 41 Myrtle street will leave this morning for Chicago, to visit relatives and the world's fair.

Miss Maggie A. Farrell has returned from Chicago, where she spent eight weeks visiting friends and the fair.

F. F. Snyder of Marshall is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. B. Loveland of Jefferson avenue.

Charles Hampton of Potosky, state game warden, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Minnie Brainerd of Alpena is visiting her brother, Elmer E. Brainerd.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Kellogg of Holland City have returned from Chicago.

Dr. L. S. Grissold of Big Rapids dined in The Morton yesterday.

John Gumburg and Albert Campbell left for Chicago last night.

Miss Mabel Waters is in Chicago.

**Charity Society Notes.**  
The society is not able to furnish one-half of the applicants with work. Monday morning forty men and boys sat on the walk long before the office was opened waiting to secure jobs. Tuesday morning there was about the same number, and yesterday there was a large gang, but there was no work for them.

A number of laboring men have been sent to D. P. Clay's mill, near Newaygo, by the charity society to cut wood at 35 cents per cord. These men will be boarded at \$2.50 per week. Mr. Clay has two or three houses, in which he could accommodate a few men with families.

Donations of cupboards for the loan closet are asked for by the district nurse.

A strong boy of 15 wants a place in the country to work for his board.

**Grant Ice Company's Purchase.**  
J. G. Alexander, as agent for the Consolidated Street Railroad company, has sold the company's property at the corner of Sherman and East streets to the Grant Ice and Coal company for \$3,000. The property is 150x154 feet in dimensions. The purchasers expect to erect ice houses on the rear of the property with a capacity of 10,000 tons and work on them will begin at once. Wagon sheds and barns will also be built. If the times improve next year the company intends to build a block of stores on the frontage for rent.

**Found Stolen Shoes.**  
Yesterday as some school children were playing around Bennett's coal yard they found a bag in which were seven pairs of men's heavy shoes. The detectives were notified and took the shoes to police headquarters. The shoes are supposed to be from the box stolen from the D. L. & N. freight house Monday night. The box stolen contained eleven pairs of shoes, valued at \$19, but it is not known whether it had been shipped to this city or was in transit. No clue to the thief has been found.

**Claim Against the County.**  
The city has for several years paid for the books used by the city supervisors. The city has in this way paid out \$253 for blank books. The law provides that all supervisor's books shall be paid for by the county and the city would, therefore, be justly subject to nothing but its proportionate share of the expense. Comptroller Cato made the discovery and at once filed a bill for \$77 against the county for the balance due the city on account of the transaction.

**Colonel Murray's Observation.**  
"I have noticed a peculiar thing about the furniture trade," said Col. J. S. Murray last night. "There is always a heavy falling off in sales during the last week in February and the first three weeks in March and during the last week in August and the first three weeks in September. My books for the past five years show this conclusively. The usual fall dullness is over now, and for the past three weeks trade has been constantly improving."

**Masonic School of Instruction.**  
Arthur M. Clark of Lexington, grand lecturer for the Michigan grand lodge of Masons, is a guest in The Morton. Last night he opened a school of instruction in the Lyon street lodge room and exemplified the work of the chapter.

**Press Club Matters.**  
At the regular monthly meeting of the Press club last evening, Benjamin Statler was admitted to membership and E. S. Somes was appointed caterer for the next monthly supper of the club.

The lily is as white as snow. The rose is as the crimson red. The violet is as the purple in glow. The color or the brightness shed. By the sweet lily and the white lily. That ROZODONT has purified.

**Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.**

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## KILLED BY A MOTOR

Mrs. Harriet Washington, an Aged Colored Woman

## STRUCK BY A STREET CAR

She Attempted to Cross the Street and the Car Struck Her, Inflicting Fatal Injuries.

Mrs. Harriet Washington, a colored woman 84 years old, was struck by Conductor Pat Hickey's electric car at the corner of Trowbridge and Kent streets at 6:30 last evening, and received injuries from which she died three hours later.

Mrs. Washington attempted to cross Trowbridge street from the south, and did not see the car as it was coming down the grade from the east. It struck her side and knocked her down, dragging her several car lengths before it could be stopped. C. R. Lewis was the first man on the scene, and when he picked her up she was unconscious. The right side of her skull was fractured and blood vessels ruptured, which are supposed to have caused concussion of the brain.

Mrs. Washington has lived with Mrs. Hard, another colored woman, on the opposite corner, at No. 234 Kent street, for several years. Before she became too old to work she was employed by Emma Rogers, who, for some time past, has supported her at Mrs. Hard's. She was a heavy woman, weighing over 200 pounds, and could not save herself from the accident. She was the wife of George Washington, a well-known colored man who was a familiar figure upon the streets for many years prior to his death five or six years ago. She and her husband were both born in Kentucky and worked as slaves on the plantations until slavery was abolished. They then went to New York and shortly after came to this city, where she has since resided. She had been remarkably healthy and was well preserved constitutionally for one of her age. She has no relatives here or elsewhere known to her friends.

**Prominent Michigan Arrivals.**  
Among the prominent Michigan men who arrived in The Morton last night were Lieut. Gov. J. Wight Giddings and Perry F. Powers of Cadillac and Judge M. Brown of Big Rapids. Mr. Giddings was on his way to Detroit. Mr. Powers was going to Ypsilanti to attend a meeting of the state board of education, and Judge Brown is in the city on legal business.

**Will Go to Lexington.**  
The race meeting of the Kentucky State Breeder's association will open in Lexington Saturday and continue until the next Saturday. Among those from this city who expect to attend the meeting are Will E. White, Don J. Leathers, Dr. Louis Barth and H. T. Ledyard. Over \$20,000 has been expended in improving the Lexington track and it is believed to be the fastest in the country.

**Kent District Good Templars.**  
The quarterly session of the Kent District Lodge of Good Templars will be held at Sparta today. About thirty delegates from the district have been elected to represent them at this meeting, and nearly all of those elected expect to attend. Mrs. J. B. Morse of this city is district chief temple and W. T. Hawk, also of this city, is district secretary.

**Died.**  
HEDGER—At the family residence, No. 65 North Division street, Burdett W. Hedger, aged 43 years. Funeral Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

E. G. Cherryman, funeral director, No. 29 Fountain street. Telephone 1,000.

**Grand Nikita Concert.**  
Miss Louise Nikita, from the Imperial Opera, Russia, and "Boss" military band of thirty pieces, in Lockery hall, October 17. Price of reserved seats, 50 and 75 cents.

**They Must Go.**  
Youths' \$1.50 Shoes, 11 to 2, for \$1.25. Boys' \$1.75 Shoes, 3 to 5, for \$1.50. These shoes are solid as a rock, and we have either button or lace, at O'Hara's, No. 70 Canal street.

**35c per dozen 3c per skein for Brainerd & Armstrong's wash silks this week only at Cori, Knott & Co.**

**Engagement Extraordinary.**  
Miss Louise Nikita, the American Queen of Song, pupil of the great Strakosch and principal of the Imperial Opera, Russia, will appear in a grand concert in Lockery hall October 17.

While you are attending the various military openings this week call in at Cori, Knott & Co. They always have the largest assortment of practical stylish hats to be found anywhere.

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Six entertainments for \$1; worth from 50 cents to \$1 each. Three splendid concerts. Three celebrated lectures. Sale opens next Tuesday. Line numbers given out Monday, 6:30 p. m., Lockery hall, 10th street.

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Only \$2.75 to Chicago. Including state room berth via Holland and Chicago Line Steamers. See adv. on inside page.

One fare for the round trip to Chicago October 11th and 18th over Lake Shore.

**Chicago Excursions** via G. R. & L. Oct. 2d, 4th, 7th and 8th.

On the above dates excursions tickets will be sold by the G. R. & L. to Chicago and return at rate of one fare, \$5.40, good for ten days. Tickets good in coaches only.

Trains leave Grand Rapids 10:45 A. M. and 11:20 P. M., arriving Chicago 4:10 P. M. and 7:45 A. M.

Returning trains leave Chicago 7:05 A. M., 4:00 P. M. and 10:00 P. M., arriving Grand Rapids 2:15 P. M., 9:40 P. M. and 6:50 A. M.

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Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

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